

Efficient solar energy conversion and utilization device

What is the power conversion efficiency (PCE) of a solar PV system?

The latest reported power conversion efficiency (PCE, the ratio between the incident solar photon energy and the electric energy output) of PSCs has exceeded 25%. However, similar to other PV technologies, PSCs suffer from the issue of solar conversion disturbance caused by the variation of time, location and weather.

What are the uses of advanced solar utilization technologies?

We summarize the uses of advanced solar utilization technologies, such as converting solar energy to electrical and chemical energy, electrochemical storage and conversion, and associated thermal tandem technologies. Both the foundational mechanisms and typical materials and devices are reported.

What are the different types of solar to fuel conversion devices?

As to solar to fuels conversion devices, the configuration can be divided into two categories. One is one-absorber system, where the driving potential is supplied solely by the solar cell, and the solar cell and the two electrocatalytic electrodes are separated.

Are photovoltaic cells a viable device for solar energy conversion?

Photovoltaic (PV) cells are popularly considered a feasible device for solar energy conversion. However, the temperature on the surface of a working solar cell can be high, which significantly decreases the power conversion efficiency and seriously reduces the cell life.

How efficient is a solar energy storage system?

The solar thermal energy storage efficiency? experiment of the MOST system has been determined to reach up to 2.3%, representing the highest recorded efficiency to date. Additionally, the inclusion of the MOST system as a non-heating temperature stabilizer with optical filter effect can further enhance the efficiency of the PV cell.

How effective is solar energy?

Among them, solar energy is one of the most widely used since it is abundant on Earth, and pollution free with respect to the environment. Increasing attentions have been paid to study the effective usage of solar energy. Photovoltaic (PV) cells are popularly considered a feasible device for solar energy conversion.

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The efficiency of photovoltaic (PV) solar cells can be negatively impacted by the heat generated from solar irradiation. To mitigate this issue, a hybrid device has been developed, featuring a solar energy storage and cooling layer integrated with a silicon-based PV cell. This hybrid system demonstrated a solar utilization efficiency of 14.9%, indicating its potential to ...

This hinders the efficient conversion and utilization of a significant portion of the available energy. Therefore, developing an integrated device that can effectively harvest and convert most of the available energy, particularly from sunlight, to achieve optimum energy utilization and storage is still a challenging task. In this work, a novel approach for the ...

Harvesting solar energy for energy utilization is an important way to utilize solar energy. This work designs an efficient solar-thermal conversion and thermal energy storage strategy to realize the PTM and TPE. The proposed composites are renewable, environmentally friendly, and produced cleanly. OD has the ability to store energy for a ...

Solar-thermal storage with phase-change material (PCM) plays an important role in solar energy utilization. However, most PCMs own low thermal conductivity which restricts the thermal charging ...

Photoelectrochemical water-splitting devices, which use solar energy to convert water into hydrogen and oxygen, have been investigated for decades. Multijunction designs are most efficient, as they ...

This hybrid PV-TE device with reflective module can not only inhibit PV heating to improve energy conversion, but also improve the utilization of solar energy through TE effect. Therefore, the module can improve the total conversion efficiency ...

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Maximizing the utilization of solar energy is crucial for achieving high photothermal conversion efficiency. To this end, many studies have opted to design 3D structured evaporators that ...

The conversion efficiency of a photovoltaic (PV) cell, or solar cell, is the percentage of the solar energy shining on a PV device that is converted into usable electricity. Improving this conversion efficiency is a key goal of research and helps make PV technologies cost-competitive with conventional sources of energy.

Factors Affecting Conversion Efficiency . Not all of the ...

In this review, we will report the recent progress in solar absorber material design based on various photothermal conversion mechanisms, evaluate the prerequisites in terms of optical, thermal and wetting properties for efficient ...

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